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# Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, line 2, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The present invention relates to a method . . . ."

## **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, line 3, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "The present invention relates to a method . . . ."

Field of the Invention

Page 1, line 20, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Manufacture of tyres for vehicle wheels . . . ."

Description of the Related Art

Page 7, line 5, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "In accordance with the present invention . . . ."

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Page 14, line 7, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Further features and advantages . . . ."

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 15, line 14, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "With reference to the drawings . . . ."

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Add a new page 44 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate page 44 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tyre for a vehicle wheel includes a carcass structure, a belt structure, a tread band, and sidewalls. The carcass structure includes at least one first and second carcass ply and a pair of annular reinforcing structures. The carcass plies are formed of strip sections extending in a substantially U-shaped conformation, including at least two parallel thread elements at least partly coated with elastomer material. The at least one first (second) carcass ply includes a first (third) and second (fourth) series of strip sections arranged in mutually-alternating sequence along a circumferential extension of the carcass structure. The annular reinforcing structures

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include first and second primary portions. The first (second) primary portion includes an axiallyinner side turned towards end flaps of the strip sections of the first (third) series and an axiallyouter side turned towards end flaps of the strip sections of the second (fourth) series.

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